

2008 BLOUNT COUNTY EARTH ROUNDUP APRIL 19, 2008





The Little River Watershed Association and Keep Blount Beautiful have teamed up with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce Air Quality Team to bring the first Blount County Earth Roundup to town. Last year the Air Fest got rained out and asked to join up with the Little River Roundup, the annual river and roadside cleanup sponsored by Little River Watershed Association (LRWA) and Keep Blount Beautiful (KBB) and it turned out to be a great success. This year we are doing it again...only on purpose...and with an expanded mission!!!

The EARTH ROUNDUP will consist of two parts....just like the Little River Roundup in the past:

MORNING ACTIVITIES: Clean up of the banks of the Little

River and Blount County roadways and parks. CHECK-IN is from 8am – 10am at the Thompson Brown House (cabin) at 1004 East Lamar Alexander Parkway. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and a coupon to bring back in the afternoon for free BBQ or pizza dinner at the evening festivities. Groups of 10 or more that want to work together can request the appropriate volunteer paperwork (waivers are required), trash bags and gloves, their t-shirts and dinner coupons the week beginning April 14. Contact LRWA (980-2130) or KBB (681-4809) to arrange this. Clean up activities officially end at 2pm.

EVENING ACTIVITIES: Evening Festivities and Educational Fair: Start at 5pm and end at 8pm on the front lawn at Maryville College Campus on the corner of 321 and Washington.

Educational booths: learn how to live mean and green with our Blount County air, water and land resources! There will be a fun learning activity (Living Green Passport) for kids 6-16 years old about our natural resources and those who participate have a chance to win a new bicycle!!! Pick up your passport at KBB or LRWA booths, get instructions and enter to win the bike. The bicycle winners will be selected between 7:15pm – 7:30pm.

Music/Entertainment: Pistol Creek Catch of the Day, Mac Bartine and The Woodpickers will be entertaining us throughout the evening!

Kids Activities: We will have the Moonwalk as well as another special blow up surprise. The Living Green Passport Contest for kids age 6 - 16 can help you win a bicycle!! Check out the LRWA or KBB booth for more information at the event.

We will announce and award the prizes to the winners of the Art Contest that has taken place and concluded at the Middle Schools. The winner, Kyle Bunpus, art work is now displayed on a billboard on Route 129 across from Green Acres Flee Market on the west side of Alcoa Highway coming towards Maryville/Alcoa. Check it OUT!! It's terrific.

Bike Train: Ride your bike with us to Earth Roundup! Meet at locations near the Greenbelt at 4:45pm and we'll guide you to the Round-up at Maryville College. Bicycle valet parking will be provided by Boy Scout Troop 87, look for the signs as you enter the campus. We'll park and keep your ride safe until you're ready to leave the event. See www.littleriverwatershed.org for more information about the bike train.

Door prizes and auction: Donate \$1 to enter contest for door prizes and win gift certificates from the Tomato Head Restaurant, Keen Shoes (courtesy of Little River Trading Company) and more! Some great fishing auction items and door prizes are also available courtesy of Little River Outfitters of Townsend.

Inflated Hot Air balloon display – don't miss it from 7pm – 8 pm.

The Earth Roundup will be a waste free event — no trash cans on site. Maryville Recycles will be manning the recycling center to show you where to compost and recycle leftovers. Cell-phone recycling: Old cell phones and accessories are being collected on-site by Keep Blount Beautiful for recycling.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (EAA): Pick up your nomination forms for this year's EAA's at the Roundup event at the KBB or LRWA tent. Awards are made to: Individuals, Building Re-use, Small businesses and organizations, Govt and Schools, and Large Businesses.

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Pistol Creek Catch of the Day!

